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Bids Solicited for Concession Contract at Fire Island National Seashore to Operate Island Services

Patchogue, NY— The National Park Service (NPS) today announced the notice of availability of a prospectus for the award of a park-wide concession contract, according to Fire Island National Seashore's park superintendent, David Spirtes.

The contract will authorize the operation of visitor services at the Watch Hill, Sailors Haven, and Barrett/Talisman sites of Fire Island National Seashore. Offers must be received by the National Park Service at Fire Island National Seashore's headquarters in Patchogue, New York no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 5, 2004. Proposals will be reviewed by a panel during January. A new concession contract is expected to be awarded by March 1, 2004.

The contract will include at Watch Hill: restaurant, snack bar, convenience store, marina, restrooms, and campground. At Sailors Haven: snack bar, gift store, and marina. At Barrett/Talisman: snack bar, restrooms, and a seven-unit overnight lodging facility. The contract includes options for kayak and canoe rentals at all sites, and an option for floating docks at Barrett/Talisman. Services are required to operate May 15 to October 15, but may operate additional months with the approval of the NPS. The areas assigned to the concessioner are federally owned. All personnel, equipment and supplies needed to operate shall be provided by the concessioner. This contract will be for a term of ten years.

The Director of the National Park Service has determined that this is a qualified new concession contract and pursuant to 36 CFR Part 51, a preferred offeror for this contract does not exist. Reservations are required for the pre-proposal site visit, scheduled for December 8, 2003 (rain date: December 9, 2003), by calling (631) 289-4810 Ext. 222; or by sending an email to Jean.Blakeslee@nps.gov.

Requests for a prospectus must be made by writing to Jean Blakeslee, Concession Management Specialist, Fire Island National Seashore, 120 Laurel St., Patchogue, NY 11772. The cost for each prospectus is \$50.00 to cover printing, shipping and handling. Checks should be made payable to the National Park Service. A Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Social Security Number must be provided on all checks.

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For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/fiis. The prospectus may be viewed on-line at www.nps.gov/fiis/ConcessionProspectus2003.pdf.